Amendments to th claims:

- 10. (canceled)
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- 21. (new) An ignition device formed as a spark plug for Otto engines or as a glow plug for Diesel engines, comprising electrical connection means; a tubular metal housing with a screwed-in thread stamped onto it, at least one metal component of the ignition device being at least in part provided with anti-corrosion means in a form of a paint.
- 22. (new) An ignition device formed as a spark plug for Otto engines or as a glow plug for Diesel engines, comprising electrical connection means; a tubular housing with a screwed-in thread stamped onto it, at least one metal component of the ignition device being at least in part provided on an outside with anti-corrosion means in a form of a paint.
- 23. (new) An ignition device formed as a spark plug for Otto engines or as a glow plug for Diesel engines, comprising electrical connection means; a tubular metal housing with a screwed-in thread stamped onto it, at least one metal component on an outside of the ignition device being at least in part provided with anti-corrosion means in a form of a paint, wherein at least one of said electrical connection means, said housing, and said screw-in thread has a metalizing layer.

- 24. (new) The ignition device as defined in claim 23, wherein at least one of said electrical connection means, said housing and said screw-in thread is provided with a paint.
- 25. (new) The ignition device as defined in claim 23, wherein the paint is applied over said metalizing layer.
- 26. (new) The ignition device as defined in claim 23, wherein said metalizing layer contains zinc.
- 27. (new) The ignition device as defined in claim 23, wherein said metalizing layer contains nickel.
- 28. (new) The ignition device as defined in claim 23, wherein said paint is colorless.
- 29. (new) A method of producing an ignition device formed as a spark plug for Otto engines having electrical connection means, a tubular metal housing, a screw-in thread stamped onto the tubular metal housing, the method comprising the steps of providing on at least one metal component at least partially anti-corrosion means in a form of a paint and subjecting the spark plug to a metalizing process prior to application of the paint.

- 30. (new) The method as defined in claim 29, further comprising the step of applying the paint by spraying using a device selected from the group consisting of a template and a suction device.
- 31. (new) The method as defined in claim 29, further comprising the step of painting at least one of the connection means, the housing, and the screw-in thread after assembly of the spark plug.